

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re Application of:	)	
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Mitsuo TASHIRO	)	
	)	Group Art Unit: 3767
Patent Application No.: 10/522,876	)	
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Sir:

**COMMENTS ON EXAMINER'S STATEMENT  
OF REASONS FOR ALLOWANCE**

Applicant gratefully acknowledges the Notices of Allowance and Allowability dated October 7, 2008 for the above-captioned patent application. An Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance was appended to the Notice of Allowability. Applicant has the following comments.

While the claimed combinations are patentable over the art for at least some of the reasons presented therein, the claimed combinations are patentable for many different and/or additional reasons. More specifically, the patentability of the claimed combinations is not limited to (nor necessarily relies on) the particular subset of features identified in the Statement, but rather it is the entire combination of elements and/or processes in the claims, each taken as a whole, that are patentable over the art, both taken alone and in hypothetical combination.

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If additional fees are necessary to prevent abandonment of this application, then the Commissioner is authorized and petitioned to charge Applicant's representative's Deposit Account listed on Applicant's original filing transmittal document.

Respectfully submitted,

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